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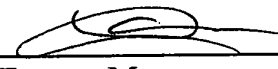
The Examiner rejected original claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that these claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection. The Examiner will note claims 1-5 had been substantially amended to correct all noted informalities, including those pointed out by the Examiner. It is believed amended claims 1-5 are now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, this application is respectfully urged to be in condition for formal allowance and prompt notice of this affect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner should have questions concerning this matter, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 683-0500.

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